

REMARKS

With the entry of the present amendments, claims 2, 6, 8-10, 14, and 16 are pending in the application. The amended claims are supported by the application as originally filed, do not add new matter, and are otherwise proper. All of the pending claims have been amended to change the dependencies of these claims so they do not depend from cancelled claims. As such, these amendments require no more than a cursory review by the Examiner and their entry is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 11-13, 15, 17-43 have been canceled.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for her acknowledgement that claims 2, 8-10, 14 and 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As set forth above, these claims have been rewritten as suggested by the Examiner. And although the Examiner rejected claim 6 in the Office Action, applicant believes the amendment to claim 6 satisfies the written description rejection and places the claim in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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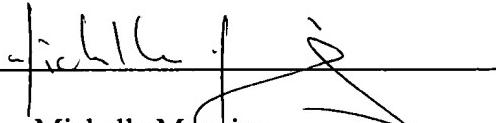
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